for the deputation of one of the Agricultural Inspectors for a period of 6 months to Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Guntur and Jaffna to study all the processes of cultivation, curing etc., of tobacco.

Provision has been made for the revival of the *kari* experimental station at Porakkad, for strengthening the Entomological Section of the Agricultural Department by the appointment of a qualified Assistant for carrying on extensive campaign towards the serious pests of rice in Travancore, the rice stem borer and the rice swarming caterpillar which have in recent years assumed epidemic proportions and caused heavy loss of paddy especially in Nanjanad and Kuttanad areas and for importing Australian Bees. Provision has also been made for the increase in the number of grants for the maintenance of stud bulls in the State and for the continuance of the Agricultural School at Konni during 1113.

24. *Industries.*—The question of making radical changes in the organisation of the Sales Depot at Bombay and Trivandrum is under the consideration of Government. It is their intention to entrust the work of pushing on the sales of Travancore products to non-official agencies like the Chambers of Commerce and the Cocoanut Growers' Association in the State and to subsidise and assist them. Pending final decision on these proposals, provision of Rs 8,000 and of Rs 3,093 has been made for the next year for the Trade Agency at Bombay and the Sales Depot at Trivandrum respectively. Out of the reduction of 20 per cent. made in 1107 in the grants to aided industrial institutions in the State as a measure of retrenchment, Government have sanctioned the restoration of one half of the cut and this is included in the budget. The whole question of policy regarding the issue of mining leases or agreements was considered by Government during the year and definite rules on the subject have been issued, which provide among other matters, for the payment to Government, in addition to the Royalty fixed according to the present rules, 10 per cent. of the profits of the companies.

25. *Co-operative Department.*—In order to carry out the provisions of the recent Co-operative Regulation, provision has been made for strengthening the staff of the department by the appointment of 3 temporary Inspectors of Co-operative Societies. The estimates include also provision of Rs 3,000 for grants to supervising unions and for the post of a temporary first grade Inspector as Personal Assistant to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

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